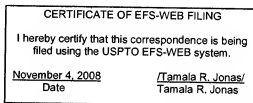


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is being concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to the final Office Action mailed June 4, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

A **Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132** (2 pages) is attached following page 16 of this amendment.

Replacement Drawings (2 pages) are being concurrently submitted with this amendment.